

Gateway Library News

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"What a school thinks about its library is a measure of what it thinks about education."

-Harold Howe, former U.S. Commissioner of Education

New Initiatives & Learning Environment in the Library

Welcome to Fall 2008 semester. We are beginning the new academic year with several exciting new resources and enhanced services. I am happy to report that the college wide survey conducted in the Spring yielded over 300 responses from GWCC students, faculty and staff. You have spoken and the librarians have heard.

Remarks concerning the staff and resources were overwhelmingly positive, however, there were also many comments concerning **noise** in the library. To address this issue, the library has created **color-coded zones** at Long Wharf to delineate between the talking area and the quiet study area. We have also added improved signage and rearranged some of the furniture for a comfortable learning environment. We hope these changes will help alleviate the problem and we will continue to monitor the situation so that our students can have the quiet study space they asked for and deserve.

The survey confirmed your interest in expanding our electronic journal collection and further development of the library website. We will be working on these and other issues of high need and interest to our students and college community in the year ahead.

We have added new databases over the summer and our list of electronic journals continues to grow. My staff and I hope you will visit us often this semester to get the most out of your teaching and encourage your students to use the variety of resources in the library.

—Dr. Clara Ogbaa



(Sitting)

Dr. Clara Ogbaa, Library Director-2058

(Standing from left)

Karen Kramer, Systems Librarian
2342 or 2140

Bill Maisfehl, Library Associate
(Circulation) 2054

Martha Lipowski, Librarian
(Reference & Instruction) 2053

Jianxin Yang, Librarian
(Reference & Instruction) 2158

Shauna Carrano, Library Associate
(Interlibrary Loans) 2059

Michael Cifferelli, Librarian
(Technical Services & Instruction) 2042

Citing References and Bibliographies Just Got Easier



What is RefWorks?

Refworks is an online research and citation management tool that simplifies the process of documenting sources in a research paper. It allows you to import references directly from a number of databases, web searches or indirectly from saved files, to enter references manually from an online worksheet, and to format bibliography (works cited pages) that can be inserted into word processing documents, in a variety of styles including APA, MLA, Turabian and Chicago and a multitude of others in seconds.

Set up your RefWorks account by clicking on the Refworks at www.gwcc.commnet.edu/library.aspx?id=181

or by going directly to the RefWorks site at <http://www.refworks.com/refworks>.

Access your account from off campus, and use easy-to-follow tutorials online at <http://www.refworks.com/refworks/tutorial/>

Fall RefWorks Training Schedule

September 24 (Wednesday)	12-1pm
October 22 (Wednesday)	12-1pm
November 5 (Wednesday)	12-1pm
November 19 (Wednesday)	12-1pm
December 5 (Friday)	1-2pm

RefWorks Training is held in the Library Classroom

New Library Databases

CINAHL Full-Text (*Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature*): CINAHL is the world's most comprehensive source of full text for nursing & allied health journals with more than 600 journals indexed in CINAHL. Full-text coverage dates back to 1981.

CREDO REFERENCE: An online reference library of full-text dictionaries, bilingual dictionaries, thesauri, encyclopedias, quotations and atlases, plus a wide range of subject-specific titles covering everything from accounting to zoology, via maps, math, management, martial arts, media studies, medicine, mountains, moons, music, multimedia, mythology. Credo brings the facts alive with images, sound files, animations, videos and much more.

EBRARY: A full-text online book database specifically designed for community colleges with over 18,000 titles from leading publishers such as Cambridge

University Press, John Wiley & Sons, and the McGraw-Hill Companies. This collection spans a wide range of subjects including Nursing and Allied Health, Computer Technologies and Business, Culinary Arts and more.

WESTLAW CAMPUS RESEARCH: Westlaw Campus Research now replaces LEXIS NEXIS. It has powerful tools for research in law, business, and news. The "News & Business" section has U.S. newspapers, broadcast news transcripts, international newspapers, foreign language papers, Hoover's company reports, and SEC filings. The "Law" section has a comprehensive collection of U.S. court cases, law codes, and regulations, law sources from the European Union, and hundreds of law journals.

New Learning Spaces



The teachers and children of the ELC enjoying the library's new children's area.

Early Childhood Education

The LW library has created a cozy area by the children's book collection where the little ones can feel right at home. The space includes several low wooden shelves, a decorative rug, an easy chair, a children's table and stools, and some stuffed animals for sitting or learning. We encourage folks to bring their children to visit and take advantage of our wonderful collection of award-winning children's books and our new kid-friendly niche.

African American History Collection

The African American History Club established a Special Collection in 1997 in honor of Dr. L.C. Hopes. Rev. Roderick Wilson, GWCC Alumnus, continues to make book donations to enhance the collection. This past summer he donated 68 books, 55 Magazines, and 7 videotapes to the LW Library collection. The area now also has comfortable seating and a warm, inviting atmosphere.



GWCC Student browsing the AAHC Collection

Library Learning Modules in Blackboard/Vista Courses

To support the web-based courses, the GWCC librarians have provided learning modules in Blackboard Vista that faculty can link to their courses. The Information Literacy Learning module created for GWCC students includes the learning goals and objectives based on *ACRL Information Literacy Standards for Higher Education*. Students are encouraged to login to Vista to learn how to find information, evaluate and use information in all formats in an ethical and responsible way. There are pre and post tests, and quizzes designed in the modules for students.

Other ways that faculty can partner with librarians to provide students with scholarly information in an online environment are:

Links. Put links within your site to specific library pages such as Library home page, subject-specific databases, *Ask-A-GCC Librarian* or *InfoAnytime*.

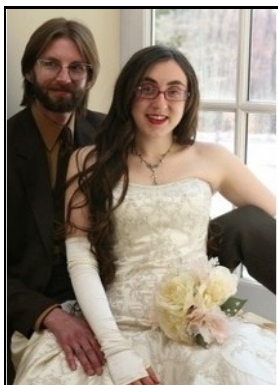
Customized IL Module. Work with a librarian to develop course-specific information literacy modules to be used within your class.

Assignment Development. Work with a Librarian to re-invent, or create research assignments.

Please contact Jianxin Yang for more information.

Staff Profile

Congratulations to Bill Maisfehlt on his recent nuptials



Mr. & Mrs. William Maisfehlt

Library Associate Bill Maisfehlt and his finance Dee were married on February 29th at the Wadsworth Mansion in Middletown. Most of the library staff were in attendance. A five-piece string quartet serenaded the guests during the cocktail hour and after dinner the party got into full swing, contra dancing the night away. The newlyweds took a three week honeymoon to Europe in June where they toured seven countries including France, Amsterdam, and the Czech Republic. Bill and Dee have just purchased a home in Chester where they will reside. We wish them a long, happy and healthy life together.

Book Review: The World Without Us

Many books have been written warning us about our negative impact on the only earth that we have, from the classic **Silent Spring** by Rachel Carson to the recent best-seller by Al Gore, **An Inconvenient Truth**. But Alan Weisman takes a different approach: what if all of the humans were gone from the earth? Would other living things be better off without us around? Would they survive the damage we have already inflicted? Weisman is an award-winning science journalist, and he has researched the likely human-free scenarios for the earth's air, water and land. The probable results can be surprising—for instance, it seems that, contrary to urban myth, some cockroaches would have a hard time surviving without people. Our warm houses and buildings are their most comfortable environment in cold climates. No people, no heat, no cockroaches—except for the warm southern latitudes. But not many plants, animals and insects would fare as badly. Weisman finds an earth fully capable of recovering from the most catastrophic conditions, as it has in past ages. No matter how much we do to the planet, it seems likely to go on a lot longer than we will.

—Karen Kramer, Librarian

Information Literacy At Your Service

Faculty Requested Classes: Faculty are encouraged to schedule library instruction classes which can be customized to a subject area or assignment. Librarians are also available to come to the classroom for condensed sessions or refreshers. Forms are available in both libraries and on the library's website under "Information for Faculty".

Workshops: Please check the library's website for the schedule of upcoming workshops on various online resources including databases, research tools, etc.. Have a suggestion for one you'd like the library to coordinate? Just let us know and we'll try to accommodate your request.

Individual/Group Instruction: Students or groups needing personal assistance using the library's resources may schedule appointments to meet with a librarian. These sessions are aimed at a specific need and are open to all members of the Gateway community.

Research Consultation: Appointments can be made for assistance with using the library's advanced research resources and tools.

Note Of Thanks

The library staff would like to recognize and thank the following persons and their departments for their hard work and cooperation this summer in helping to transform the Library into a more conducive learning environment:

Bob Lyons and his staff,
Larry Salay and his staff,
Allen Gales and Larry Laukhuf
and their staff

BRAVO, You're the best!

Fall Semester Hours

Long Wharf	North Haven
Mon 7:45-8:00	Mon 8:00-8:00
Tue 7:45-8:00	Tue 8:00-8:00
Wed 7:45-8:00	Wed 8:00-8:00
Thu 7:45-8:00	Thu 8:00-8:00
Fri 7:45-6:30	Fri 8:00-3:00
Sat 9:00-4:00	Sat Closed
Sun Closed	Sun Closed

Gateway Library

Long Wharf Campus
203-285-2057

North Haven Campus
203-285-2340

email: <http://library@gwcc.commnet.edu>

Library Now Has Wireless Bring in Your Laptops



Academic Dean Mark Kosinski and IT Director, Larry Salay cutting the wireless cable on July — 2008 while Jill Raiola and Clara Ogbaa were holding the wireless cable.

**Wireless access is available
in the following locations:**

Long Wharf campus

Library

Cafeteria

Room 160

Student Lounge

North Haven Campus

(coming soon)